

## GEORGIA

*Specific requirement to report sexual assault? No.*

*Requirement to report non-accidental or intentional injuries? There is a requirement to report non-accidental injuries.*

*Requirement to report injuries caused by criminal conduct? No.*

*Additional statutes that may impact competent adult victims of sexual assault? No.*

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### STATUTES ADDRESSING PAYMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS

#### **O.C.G.A. § 16-6-1. Rape**

(a) A person commits the offense of rape when he has carnal knowledge of:

- (1) A female forcibly and against her will; or
- (2) A female who is less than ten years of age.

Carnal knowledge in rape occurs when there is any penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ. The fact that the person allegedly raped is the wife of the defendant shall not be a defense to a charge of rape.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of rape shall be punished by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, by imprisonment for life, or by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years. Any person convicted under this Code section shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of *Code Sections 17-10-6.1* and *17-10-7*.

(c) When evidence relating to an allegation of rape is collected in the course of a medical examination of the person who is the victim of the alleged crime, the law enforcement agency investigating the alleged crime shall be responsible for the cost of the medical examination to the extent that expense is incurred for the limited purpose of collecting evidence.

### REPORTING STATUTES WHICH MAY IMPACT RAPE VICTIMS

#### **O.C.G.A. § 31-7-9 Reports by physicians and other personnel of nonaccidental injuries to patients; immunity from liability**

(a) As used in this Code section, the term "medical facility" includes, without being limited to, an ambulatory surgical treatment center defined in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of Code Section 31-7-1.

(b) Any:

- (1) Physician, including any doctor of medicine licensed to practice under the laws of this state;
- (2) Licensed registered nurse employed by a medical facility;
- (3) Security personnel employed by a medical facility; or
- (4) Other personnel employed by a medical facility whose employment duties involve the care and treatment of patients therein

having cause to believe that a patient has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him other than by accidental means shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with this Code section.

(c) An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise and shall be followed by a report in writing, if requested, to the person in charge of the medical facility or his designated delegate. The person in charge of the medical facility or his designated delegate shall then notify the local law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction in the area in which the medical facility is located of the contents of the report. The report shall contain the name and address of the patient, the nature and extent of the patient's injuries, and any other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator.

(d) Any person or persons participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made to the appropriate police authority pursuant to this Code section or participating in any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, providing such participation pursuant to this Code section shall be in good faith.